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Teaching of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools.

*1617 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have received the report of the committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out proposals for the teaching of the elements of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools?

A.—No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know when this committee was first appointed?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It was appointed 18 months ago."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Was it not appointed four years ago?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Not that I am aware of."

Local Boards

Nominations to the South Arcot District Board.

*1618 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that recently the Government nominated a non-Muslim to the District Board of South Arcot in the place vacated by a Muslim;

(*b*) whether there are at present any vacant seats in the District Board of South Arcot to be filled up by nomination;

(*c*) when the vacancy arose, what are the reasons for the delay if any in filling up the same and to whom this is due;

(*d*) whether the names of any Muslims have been called for by the Government and recommended by the President of the District Board; and

(*e*) if so, whether the Government have considered the names so recommended by the President of the District Board and arrived at any decision in respect of the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes. In October 1928.
(*b*) Yes—there is a vacancy from 23rd February 1929.
(*c*) If the vacancy in clause (*a*) is meant, there was no avoidable delay in filling it.
(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the gentleman appointed in 1928 was not Mr. Ramachandra Padayachi, a member of this Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the hon. the Minister ten days ago did not nominate another gentleman to the same Board?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That was the Collector of the district."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the Government or rather the Minister's office did not send back the two recommendations that

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were made by the District Board President of gentlemen who were not Muslims and ultimately a Mussalman name was sent and even in spite of that the hon. Minister did not appoint the Muslim but appointed somebody else ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The hon. Member is correct in his assumption."

Moir causeway at Uttukottai.

* 1619 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 1230 answered on 31st January 1929 regarding construction of the Moir causeway at Uttukottai—

(a) whether the enquiry referred to in the answer to clause (e) has been completed ;

(b) the results of the enquiry and findings arrived at thereon ;

(c) whether the Government have come to a decision on the efficiency of the work by the District Board authorities, and if so, what it is ;

(d) whether further repairs are necessary to make the causeway permanently safe ;

(e) if answer to (d) be in the affirmative, whether additional expenditure is to be incurred by the District Board for carrying out the repairs ; and

(f) whether the Government have found that the contractor has executed the work in terms of the estimate and that he is not in any way liable for the damage caused ?

A.—(a) No.

Access of depressed classes to wells under local bodies.

* 1620 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 631 answered on 26th November 1928—

(a) whether the Government are now in a position to say whether there are any wells or tanks in charge of the local bodies to which access is denied to members of the depressed classes ; and

(b) if so, which they are ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1315 given on 1st February 1929.

Civil Justice

Alleged prosecution of certain fruit-sellers of Esplanade.

* 1621 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for information and state—

(a) whether the following women fruit-sellers of Esplanade were fined Rs. 10 each on Saturday, 24th November 1928, by Mr. K. Padmanabhulu Nayudu, Honorary Magistrate :—

Thimmakka.	Latchmi Amma.
Peria Muniamma.	Thayimma.
Chinna Muniamma.	Nagarathnam Ayya.
Andalamma.	Rajamma.